

Gas pipeline rupture sparks fire in Missouri; no injuries

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SMITHVILLE, Mo. – A fire erupted when a gas pipeline ruptured north of Kansas City, Missouri, but authorities say no one was injured.

A Platte County Sheriff's Department dispatcher says the fire was reported about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Platte County, not far from Kansas City International Airport. The fire was later extinguished.

The responding Southern Platte Fire District said the blaze resulted from a pipeline explosion, though the cause was unclear.

The Kansas City Fire Department says the pipeline carries ethane and propane.

Houston-based Enterprise Products Partners says it's investigating the rupture and that the affected pipeline segment has been isolated. Enterprise owns the pipeline's operator, Mid-America Pipeline Company.

There are 3 high pressure flammable pipelines operated by Enterprise Products running through Placitas.